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## THE STRANGE MEN OF THE C. I. A.

Many conservatives are looking for the reason behind the exposure of certain C.I.A. activities since the only ones who benefited from them were the left-wingers and Communists. This type "expose" is not usually found in the "liberal" press which suddenly became indignant to learn that C.I.A. funds had been used to subsidize left-wing causes and organizations. That this policy had the approval of top government leaders was confirmed by Nicholas Katzenbach, head of the three-man Warren Commission-like panel selected to "investigate" the situation. He stated, after a preliminary "investigation," that the C.I.A. followed national policy and acted "with the approval of senior interdepartmental review committees, including the secretaries of state and defense or their representatives."

Everything about the C.I.A. is supposedly top secret but suddenly long lists of recipients of their largesse were made available to the general public under sensational headlines. While one should not "look a gift horse in the mouth," we can only get the feeling that these activities are probably among the more innocent ones of the C.I.A. Involvement in assassinations and financing of actual known Communists were not "exposed" but are among the other activities of the top U.S. international intelligence agency.

The C.I.A. operates on a tremendous secret budget, estimated to be far in excess of a billion dollars per year. Appropriations to it are covered up by adding them to the budgets of other government departments and agencies. The secrecy necessary for its operations has made the C.I.A. a perfect haven for many doubtful characters. The N.Y. TIMES of March 30, 1967 stated:

"In the late 1940's and early 1950's many liberals who wished to serve their country found in the C.I.A. not only a personal haven, safe from the onslaughts of McCarthyism, but also an opportunity to bring to bear on the problems of the cold war a realistic and liberal understanding of the pluralism of emerging countries."

American history is replete with examples of how "liberals" afraid of McCarthyism serve their country. They are typified by the man in the C.I.A. who was in charge of covertly subsidizing the aforementioned long list of left-wing causes and organizations. N.Y. TIMES as a "hidden liberal," submerged for

sixteen years "in the anonymity of the Central Intelligence Agency," but well known in Washington social and intellectual circles. The revelation of Cord Meyer's role came as a surprise even to his friends, one of whom is quoted as stating: "He was not the C.I.A. type. He was a world government man." But then, of course, perhaps this friend does not understand what the C.I.A. type really is.

Cord Meyer's association with the C.I.A. had been revealed previously at the time of the murder of his divorced wife, Mary Pinchot Meyer, on October 13, 1964. The N.Y. TIMES states that this murder was never solved but a 25-year-old laborer, Raymond Crump, Jr., had been arrested at the time and charged with the crime.

Cord Meyer, Jr. was born in Washington, D.C., on November 10, 1920. His father, who was for many years a career officer of the State Department, was a liberal as was his grandfather, who was Treasurer and later Chairman of the Democratic Party of N.Y. State. Both were also named "Cord." His mother was the former Katherine Thaw whose father, Alexander Blair Shaw, was known as a confirmed liberal. Cord Meyer, Jr. was educated at St. Paul's School in Concord, N.H. and graduated from Yale in the Class of 1943. Later he attended Harvard (don't they all?).

On April 19, 1945 he married Mary Eno Pinchot, the wedding being performed by Rev. Reinhold Niebuhr, whose long communist-front activity is documented in government records. Miss Pinchot's father, Amos, was a leftist who had been vice chairman of the Civil Liberties Bureau and a member of the American Union Against Militarism. On May 25, 1919 he addressed a meeting of the "People's Council" at Madison Square Garden in New York City. The People's Council was modeled after the Russian type and many of its members became notorious as Communists and left-wing Socialists. Miss Pinchot's mother was chairman of the Women's Peace Party of N.Y.C., another left-wing organization.

While studying at Harvard, on a Lowell Fellowship, Cord Meyer, Jr. was invited to attend a conference on World Government presided over by Justice Owen J. Roberts and called by Grenville Clark, Robert Bass (former governor of New Hampshire) and Thomas H. Mahoney, a Boston lawyer and member of the Committee for World Federation. The conference was held in Clark's